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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (PRESENTLY AMENDED) A playing card delivery shoe from which cards may be dealt comprising:
 - a) an area for receiving a first set of cards;
 - b) a first card mover that moves cards from the first set to a card staging area wherein at least one card is staged in an order by which cards are removed from the first set of cards and moved to the card staging area;
 - c) a second card mover that moves cards from the card staging area to a delivery area wherein cards removed from the staging area to the delivery [shoe] area are moved in the same order by which cards were removed from the first set of cards and moved to the card staging area; and
 - d) card reading sensors that read at least one element of information of card rank, card suit or card value of each card separately after each card has been removed from the area for receiving the first set of cards and before removal from the card delivery area.
2. (ORIGINAL) The shoe of claim 1 wherein at least one card but less than entire deck of cards is present in the staging area.
3. (ORIGINAL) The shoe of claim 2 wherein from 1 to 2 cards are present in the staging area.
4. (ORIGINAL) The shoe of claim 1 wherein after completion of card reading of at least one card in step d), a system of comparison is present to compare the suit and rank of at least one card to expected card information.

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5. (ORIGINAL) The storage shoe of claim 4 wherein the expected card information is present in a memory storage component in at least one of the shoe and an external computer for each shuffled set of cards inserted in the area for receiving a shuffled set of cards.
6. (ORIGINAL) The storage shoe of claim 4 wherein the system of comparison is present to compare the suit and rank of the cards read in step d) with the expected card information for each shuffled set of cards inserted in the area for receiving a shuffled set of cards.
7. (ORIGINAL) The storage shoe of claim 5 wherein said at least one information is read in the device before the card is being removed from the storage device.
8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The storage [show] shoe of claim 5 wherein the first set of cards comprises a shuffled set of cards.

Claims 9-27 are Cancelled.

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CLEAN SET OF CLAIMS

1. A playing card delivery shoe from which cards may be dealt comprising:
 - a. an area for receiving a first set of cards;
 - b. a first card mover that moves cards from the first set to a card staging area wherein at least one card is staged in an order by which cards are removed from the first set of cards and moved to the card staging area;
 - c. a second card mover that moves cards from the card staging area to a delivery area wherein cards removed from the staging area to the delivery area are moved in the same order by which cards were removed from the first set of cards and moved to the card staging area; and
 - d. card reading sensors that read at least one element of information of card rank, card suit or card value of each card separately after each card has been removed from the area for receiving the first set of cards and before removal from the card delivery area.
2. The shoe of claim 1 wherein at least one card but less than entire deck of cards is present in the staging area.
3. The shoe of claim 2 wherein from 1 to 2 cards are present in the staging area.
4. The shoe of claim 1 wherein after completion of card reading of at least one card in step d), a system of comparison is present to compare the suit and rank of at least one card to expected card information.

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7. The storage shoe of claim 5 wherein said at least one information is read in the device before the card is being removed from the storage device.
8. The storage shoe of claim 5 wherein the first set of cards comprises a shuffled set of cards.